# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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DWINDLING POPULATION OF NEELGAI
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is aware of the dwindling population of Neelgai in the country especially in Haryana;

(b) if so, whether any census of the Neelgai has been conducted to determine that the forests in the State are capable of supporting their population;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to allow regulated hunting of the animal in order to save the crops of farmers?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a), (b) & (c) The census of wild animals is periodically done by the State Governments to know the status, distribution and numbers of the wild animals. The census of Neelgai has been done in Uttar Pradesh which has shown an increasing trend as under −Year of Census Number of Animals

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| 2000-01 | 92,983 |
| 2002-03 | 1,23,378 |

In Haryana no census of Neelgai has been done as yet and therefore no inference can be drawn about any trend in the population of Neelgai.

(d) The Chief Wildlife Wardens are empowered under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 to permit hunting of wild animals that become dangerous to human life or property, including standing crop.